



FRIDAY EVENING SEPT. 3, 1909.

CONSIDERABLE gossip has been caused in diplomatic circles by the action of the commander of the Italian training ship *Enea* passing his vessel close to some targets on the Atlantic coast at which some United States warships were firing last Sunday. The charge is also made that the steamer was stopped in order that all aboard might have an opportunity to watch the target practice. These actions are regarded as a breach of international etiquette, and scathing criticisms are being made by officials of this government. Many people prefer to believe that much ado is being made about nothing. The captain of the Italian vessel, now at Baltimore, says that had not the Americans been so slow in answering his salute, there would have been no necessity for him to extend almost to the breaking point the international courtesy that obliges a ship saluting to remain in the vicinity. He thought it possible that the Americans may have been taken unaware, who no saluting ammunition handy, as he slowed down and then hove to. When he heard the salute to him he steamed on. The captain says the charge that he and his crew were spying on the Americans is ridiculous.

THE attempts on the part of religious organizations to dominate the body politic is not regarded with favor in many quarters even among people who have the greatest respect for the Christian religion. It is high time that men, who doubtless mean well, should realize that communities are not churches and that the latter are not called upon to affirm or set aside the acts of those placed in authority. The Cumberland, Md., Ministerial Association has filed with the office of the director of the census in Washington a protest against the proposed appointment of Mr. John J. Stump, of Cumberland, as supervisor of the census for the district of Maryland embraced in the Sixth Congressional district. It is understood that the ministerial associations of the four other counties embraced in the Sixth district of Maryland will be asked to present similar petitions to Director Dunsen protesting against Mr. Stump's appointment to the supervisorship. Mr. Stump served three terms in the Maryland House of Delegates. He is a wholesale and retail liquor dealer in Cumberland.

ECONOMY and the living of the simple life were fully in evidence in the settling up of the estate of a Miss Smith, of Hallow, Pa., who died a few weeks ago. During her entire life—that is from the time she was able to work—Miss Smith, who was past 70 years when she died, worked as a servant at wages varying from \$4 to \$8 per month. She was a simple dresser, being of the Quaker faith, and the money earned was saved and placed at interest. At the time of death she is reported to have owned a home valued at \$1,500, and to have had cash to the amount of \$5,000—accumulated from her small earnings as a domestic.

THE Supreme Court of Kansas held recently, in the case of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company vs. Brown, that a statute which requires an employer of labor upon request of a discharged employee to furnish in writing the true cause or reasons for such discharge was repugnant to the eleventh section of the bill of rights of Kansas and was invalid. The court said that the duty imposed upon employers by such a statute was not a police regulation, but constituted an interference with the personal liberty guaranteed to every citizen.

THE Chicago, Burlington & Quincy has followed the example of some other roads, and has placed copies of the Bible in the libraries of its best trains. In this respect, according to officials of the Chicago Bible Society, the American roads have followed the initiative taken by the Scotch railway companies. Backing them up is the Gideon Society, an organization of commercial travelers, which has promoted the general and free circulation of Bibles in hotels throughout the United States.

AN agreement has been reached by the American and Cuban postal officials by which the sending of lottery tickets from Cuba to the United States through the mails will be prevented absolutely. But where there are plenty of lottery tickets and plenty of men who want them a way by which they can be secured will soon be found on the principle of where there's a will there's a way.

It is said in Montreal that an effort will be made by Canada to absorb the paper industry by refusing to export pulp wood. This is the way Canada will "get even" with the United States for the latter's high tariff schedules against Canada.

THE British admiralty office is in a state of consternation following the latest discovery of a great amount of high explosives in the coal in the bunkers of H. M. S. Forward, one of the crack fighters of the navy. Three similar discoveries have been made in the coal bunkers of other vessels, and the secret investigation which was at once instituted proved that the detonators found with the explosives were not similar to those used in coal mines, disproving the theory that the explosive had been accidentally left in the coal at the mines. The fact that this is the fourth occurrence of a similar nature, too, leads to the belief that a widespread plot exists to destroy some of the finest ships in England's navy. The news of the discovery is producing a demoralizing effect upon the sailors of the fleet, who fear that explosions may occur when the vessels are at sea. The stokers are said to be inspecting every shovel of coal they throw under the boilers. Scotland yard detectives are endeavoring to bring to justice the persons who are guilty of placing the explosives in the coal.

WE LIVE in a history-making age. In the heavens, in the waters, under the waters, and on the roof of the earth, men have broken records to smash within the past few weeks. Here are some of the records that have been broken: August 27, M. Henri Farman, long distance flying in heavier-than-air machine, three hours, 13 minutes, 26.2 seconds, distance 118.06 miles; August 28, Glenn H. Curtiss flies 12.5 miles in 15 minutes, 50.3.5 seconds; August 30, U. S. submarine boat No. 1 breaks submarine speed record; September 1, Dr. Frederick Albert Cook, of Brooklyn, N. Y., announced discovery of North Pole April 21, 1908; September 2, the Cunard liner Lusitania breaks the trans-Atlantic record covering the distance between Dunkirk, Rock, out of Queenstown, and Ambrose channel lightship in 4 days, 11 hours and 42 minutes, an average speed of 25.85 knots an hour.

#### From Washington.

Washington, Sept. 3. Naval officers and navy department officials are discussing with unequalled expressions of disapproval today the apparent breach of naval etiquette committed by the Italian cruiser *Enea* in hanging around the Atlantic fleet during the battle and target practice of the warships on the southern drill grounds. Neither the secretary nor the assistant secretary of the navy are in Washington, and it is doubtful whether the incident will be brought to the attention of the state department before their return. Even though it is not likely that occasion will be made of it for a polite intimation that an apology or explanation could be acceptable, the naval life is accused and the intrusion is regarded as an exhibition of international bad manners, to say the least. The chieftain of the officers is all the greater because of the excessive precautions taken to keep the practice work of the fleet, particularly the target work, secret. Newspaper men were not permitted to observe any of the evolutions; reports on the results of the practice to the department are jealously guarded. Not a word has escaped which would give an inkling of the results attained during the month or more the fleet has been at work. To have the Italian cruiser steam off leisurely and salute the commanding officer and then stand by to see all that could be seen of the operations of the fire control apparatus on the new mass is naturally regarded as sufficient cause for displeasure. Although there is no international law to prohibit such intrusions, there is an unwritten law of naval etiquette which holds all over the world and which demands that battleships at practice be let alone. The department will wait a report by Admiral S. Schroeder, and if the facts justify it, the incident will possibly be brought to the attention of the state department. It is believed that in an informal way, at least, the embassy here will be apprised of it in order that the Italian government may be informed without having recourse to direct diplomatic methods.

Charges of fraudulent billing and falsification of way bills so as to make it appear that shipments were forwarded from a more distant point, are made today in a complaint filed with the interstate commerce commission by the Theo. Fathauer Co., of Chicago, against the Wabash, St. Louis and Iron Mountain and the Mississippi, Arkansas and Western railroads. The complainant alleges that shipments of hardwood were falsely billed to Chicago from a station in Arkansas several miles distant from their real point of shipment, and the railroad thus collected a higher freight than the haul justified. Repetition is asked.

Floods in several Mexican towns are reported to the state department in dispatches today as an aftermath of conditions which brought about the catastrophe at Monterey. The Rio Grande floods are higher than usual, according to a report from O. A. Miller, American consul at Matamoros. He says that a telegram has been received from Camargo stating that serious damage has been caused to the buildings in the city and ranches near the river. No lives were lost to the city, but 15 bodies were recovered in the surrounding country. There are probably many more, the dispatch says, the exact number not being known. He adds that a telegram from San Miguel reports that the water is a foot deep in the main plaza there, and that there has been considerable damage to buildings, but no lives lost. Some damage had been caused by the flood at Reynosa and Matamoros. The river is still high, but reported to be falling at places farther up.

Within the next few days Secretary of the Interior R. A. Ballinger expects to personally present to President Taft his report on the Cunningham land claims in Alaska. The secretary himself authorized this statement on his arrival in this city shortly before noon. He declined to discuss any phase of his controversy with Chief Forester Pinchot. Secretary Ballinger stated that he hoped to return to the west to finish his in-

spection tour of the government irrigation projects some time within the next few weeks.

Thomas F. Kemper has been appointed postmaster at Onondaga, Fauquier county, vice T. Thorp, removed.

The appointment of Roland B. Harvey, of Maryland, as secretary of the U. S. legation and consul general to Roumania and Serbia, and secretary to the diplomatic agency in Bulgaria, was announced by the State Department today.

State Department officials are of the opinion that it is of little consequence to the United States what lands Dr. Cook has discovered on his way to the North Pole, so far as actual territorial possession is concerned. As to the particular territory which Dr. Cook is said to have discovered the statement was made yesterday that it was quite probable that these lands would be found to be an extension of the mainland of Greenland, and, if so, they belong to Denmark.

#### Virginia News.

The dwelling in Stafford county belonging to Gordon Sullivan, about four miles from Fredericksburg, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday.

Mrs. B. T. Graves has sold Belmont, the fine farm of 400 acres in Spotsylvania county, to Samuel W. Oline, of Port Republic, Rockingham county. The purchase price was \$3,400.

The prices paid for apples at Winchester yesterday have broken all records, and the fruit growers of Frederick county will receive from \$200,000 to \$300,000 for their fruit if present prices prevail.

Court clerks throughout the state on Wednesday began rendering statements of their collections for six months, ending Aug. 31, to the state auditor in accordance with the law. There are about 130 clerks in Virginia.

Alvin King, a jeweler, while crossing a street in Richmond yesterday morning was knocked down and run over by a vehicle, dying shortly afterwards. Later in the day James M. Sutton, 38 years of age, was arrested and charged with responsibility for the death of King through careless driving.

Stuffed and blinded by smoke, Leroy Boyce, of Highland Springs, burst open a door in the attic of the burning home of W. A. Johnson, at Highland Park, yesterday morning, and barely escaped with his life. Half an hour later the \$10,000 dwelling caved in with a thundering crash. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The home was entirely destroyed.

In police court at Roanoke yesterday, R. John Wright, the young white man arrested for abducting Mrs. John Nimmo, while she was under sixteen years of age, was tried and acquitted. Wright and Mrs. Nimmo eloped several months ago, carrying with them, it is alleged, \$400 in cash belonging to Mrs. Nimmo's husband. After spending the money, they returned. Two weeks ago when Wright called at the Nimmo home, Nimmo emptied his pistol at him, shooting holes through his coat and hat. Wright was arrested, charged with abduction. Wright has been sent on to the grand jury on a charge of stealing money from Nimmo.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week to citizens of this state of the following patents: B. A. Bial and T. G. Gray, Newport News, figure toy; O. E. Dixer, Hampton, ellipsograph; E. W. Easterling, Nickelsville, mail box; E. M. Funk, Wytheville, shell primer for breech-loading guns; E. G. Goodwin, Bybee, mower; T. J. King, Richmond, farming implement; T. J. King, Richmond, weeding or chopping hoe; G. E. Lemmon, Bedford Springs, railway switch; E. B. Suttler, Richmond, hot water heater; W. Scrimgeour, Portsmouth, cruetlike furnace; W. Scrimgeour, Portsmouth, black furnace; H. F. Smith, Richmond, latch, and C. D. Wood, Kent's store, door checks.

#### News of the Day.

Joyette won the Sander race at Marblehead today.

An alleged house robber captured near York, Pa., yesterday had Lincoln pennies in his pocket and is suspected of being the bandit who held up a train in Lewistown Narrows.

Canada does not, it is said, contemplate any retaliatory legislation on account of the new American tariff, but will refuse to permit the exportation of pulp wood.

After killing his mother a week ago, George F. Smoots, 21 years old, of Pottsville, Pa., shot himself dead last night at the home of Violet Hartman, to whom he had been paying attentions.

President Taft in bidding goodbye yesterday to Walter E. Clark, who is to be inaugurated Governor of Alaska on October 1, announced that he would probably visit Alaska next summer and that his trip might include the Hawaiian Islands.

Because he lost his temper and struck his young wife, George Henderson was overcome by remorse and committed suicide in Laurel, Md., yesterday. Directly after his altercation with Mrs. Henderson he went to the barn and took laudanum. He was found dead.

In today's issue of his Commonwealth W. J. Bryan twits President Taft with having experienced a change of heart on the advisability of electing United States senators by popular vote. Mr. Bryan publishes correspondence between himself and the president on the subject.

Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian who given a clean bill on the Criminal Court records of New York yesterday, when the Court of General Sessions dismissed the remaining four indictments charging misconduct. On the fifth of these indictments the actor was tried and acquitted by a jury, June 10, 1908.

The army airship Republic which was sent to Paris today for La Fayette, 240 miles south of Paris, Capitan Bois and three other passengers are aboard. Their intention was to make the trip without landing. A later dispatch says the balloon was badly damaged. A descent was made here for repairs.

Executive damage was done to the tobacco crop of western Wisconsin by frosts Wednesday night. On some farms the loss is total. It is estimated that the loss accompanying the heavy frost of Wednesday night in Muskegon and Oconto counties, Michigan, will run up to at least \$100,000. Corn and potatoes are damaged the most. The frost is the heaviest that has fallen since 1869. Alleging that Jessie Livingstone

Forbes, of Fairfield and New York city, wife of A. Holland Forbes, the aviator, has alienated the affections of her husband, who is Mrs. Forbes' chauffeur, Ida Rowley, of New York city, instituted a suit at Bridgeport, Conn., yesterday to recover damages of \$75,000. The plaintiff in the action is the wife of Ernest Rowley, who gives New York as his residence.

Isaac J. Waters, colored, who shot and killed Mamie Gandy, also colored, last Sunday, at a negro camp-meeting, near Marion Station, Somerset county, Md., and for whom the authorities have been hunting, was killed on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad yesterday near Costen Station, by a fast freight train. His body was found along the track, and it is supposed he fell and was struck by the moving train as his head and face were badly crushed.

#### Today's Telegraphic News

Preparing to Receive Dr. Cook. Copenhagen, Sept. 3.—The torpedo boat Jutland, which the government has commissioned to act as a convoy for the Hans Egede, bearing Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the North Pole discoverer, from Aarhus to Esbørg, is being decorated today with bunting and American flags. The Jutland will probably meet the Hans Egede off Cape Skagen, the extreme northern end of Denmark.

The boat which the Royal Geographical Society will send out to meet the Hans Egede, will carry a distinguished list of passengers, including American Minister Egan, members of the Royal Geographical Society, distinguished foreigners who have come here to take part in the reception of the explorer, and M. G. Melchior, who will formally receive Dr. Cook on behalf of the Danish government. Melchior will tender a banquet to Dr. Cook aboard the steamer. The exact time of the arrival of the Hans Egede is still in doubt, but it is expected to get in tonight.

The minister of commerce will be the host of Dr. Cook at a banquet tomorrow evening, which will be attended by several hundred distinguished Danes and foreigners. All the prominent Americans in Copenhagen have been invited to this banquet.

The Royal Geographical Society will act as the host of Dr. Cook during his stay in the city.

Copenhagen, Sept. 3.—Owing to the fact that the Hans Egede, the Danish boat on which Dr. Frederick A. Cook is a passenger could not reach Copenhagen before midnight traveling at top speed, it was decided this afternoon to permit the vessel to finish her journey more leisurely, arriving with the North Pole discoverer Saturday morning.

The official reception has therefore been postponed until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Immediately following this reception Dr. Cook will be received in audience by King Frederick, who may decorate him before the day is over. Copenhagen, Sept. 3.—At a salute hoisted in his honor, and a setting of Danish and American flags, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, discoverer of the North Pole, was met at Cape Skagen this afternoon by United States Minister Egan, Danish officials, and representatives of the king, aboard three boats, and the entire nautical possession is now steaming its way slowly to this city.

#### Suspension.

New York, Sept. 3.—The Stock Exchange firm of Freeman, Rollins, and Company, with branches in Boston, and Providence, assigned today, and the firm was suspended from the Stock Exchange. The firm consisted of Perley L. Freeman, Joseph F. Freeman, and Charles H. Rollins. Perley L. Freeman was the exchange member of the firm. Otto M. Goldsmith, attorney for the firm, today declared the assignment was due to heavy withdrawals on the part of customers and the firm's inability to collect from large creditors. He said he expected the firm to resume business shortly, and its affairs are in good shape and it will soon be able to pay all liabilities. Goldsmith said the amount of liabilities had not been fixed.

#### New High Angle Gun.

Longton, Sept. 3.—With a view to the possibility of future invasion by airship, the English war office has just secured the rights to a new high angle gun, light enough to be mounted on an automobile and of sufficient power to hit a balloon at an elevation of 20,000 feet. The shell is as curious as the gun. By day it gives forth a dense smoke and when fired at night it becomes luminous, so that the gun crew may be enabled to follow its flight and correct errors in aim. The weapon was designed on the basis of recent experiments in Germany, and the war office believes that it will destroy the usefulness of airships for military purposes.

#### Death from Collision.

New York, Sept. 3.—In a collision between the tiny tug-boat R. D. Little and two huge freight cars of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad in the East river today, John D. McDonnell, of Bayonne, N. J., aged 22, a deck-hand, was instantly killed, and John-Lavin, 50, of Jersey City was fatally scalded. The Little was crushed like an egg shell under the weight of the big flats which were towed by tug 12, in charge of Captain R. L. Robbins, who was arrested after the collision. All of the members of the crew of the Little jumped into the river after the crash and were picked up by passing boats.

Millionaire in State Jute Mill. San Quentin, Calif., Sept. 3.—William Bradbury, an aged millionaire, convicted and sentenced to one year's imprisonment on the charge of perjury, went to work in the state jute mill at the prison here today, after spending his first night in a cell as a convict. His guards says he spent the entire night awake rolling and tossing on his bunk. Governor Gillette today denied the story that he intended to pardon the wealthy malefactor.

Two Negroes Lynched. Milledgeville, Ala., Sept. 3.—John and Lewis Balm, negroes, were lynched late last night near Jackson, Ala., for the murder of Sheriff J. L. Waterwright, according to a long-distance telephone message received here today. The victims made a full confession.

#### Four Men Drowned.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 3.—Blowing into a gang of track laborers, extra freight train No. 2489, east bound on the Pennsylvania Railroad buried four men to their death near Greensburg early today.

#### Trains Collides with Wagon.

Altoona, Pa., Sept. 3.—Two girls were perhaps fatally wounded and 17 other young women and men were badly hurt early today while returning from a croquet at Flower Spring. Their wagon was run down by a freight train at a grade crossing on Petersburg cut-off of the Pennsylvania road. The young people were all from Williamsburg. Not one escaped cuts, sprains and lacerations. Edna Seively and Dorothy Henderson will probably die. They were dragged for some distance when the horses attached to the wagon ran away, after the wagon had been knocked over a steep embankment by the train.

#### The Recent Floods in Mexico.

Monterey, Mex., Sept. 3.—While conditions here are steadily improving news from the flooded districts today indicates that greater property damage was done than at first reported. In the vicinity of Tampico the loss caused by inundation from the gulf was tremendous. Reports from northern Mexico today put the loss of life outside of Monterey, at 1,500.

#### Union Dinner.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—Just to show Atlanta with her "possum dinner and Seattle with her apple pie" that the Thirteenth Decennial Census. Many are showing their interest by writing to the Census Bureau for the purpose of making comments upon census information regarding agriculture as presented in the past. The director of the census welcomes all such suggestions and gives them careful consideration, as he is anxious to have the results of the coming census correspond as nearly as may be to the desires of the people most interested.

In addition to studying carefully these suggestions, the director has on his own initiative requested certain professors of economics and agriculture of the more important universities of the country, and other persons who have specialized in agricultural matters, to come to Washington for a short time for the purpose of studying carefully and criticizing plans now under way. Especially it is desired to obtain their opinion relative to the questions to be asked and their form, as the results to be obtained will largely depend upon the character of the schedule and the manner in which the questions are propounded. These suggestions, coming from outside experts, are proving to be of great value, and it is believed that in consequence of this preliminary study more valuable and accurate data will be obtained than could otherwise be secured. After these special students and experts have made their preliminary studies, formal conferences are held in the office in which the whole matter of the character of the schedules and the best methods of securing the information are thoroughly gone over.

The Department is also seeking to secure the advice and cooperation, as far as possible, of the officers and experts of the Department of Agriculture, of the state agricultural colleges, farmers' societies and like organizations.

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#### SUGGESTIONS FROM FARMERS

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